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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated April 19, 2000, entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

In The Claims

Please amend claims 2, 11, 14, 23, 27, and 29 as set forth below.

2. (Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the transistor includes [one of] a MOS field-effect transistor[, an insulated gate bipolar transistor and a further semiconductor switching device].

11. (Amended) A device for controlling a generator including a controlled transistor bridge having [one of a freewheeling diode and] a first transistor, comprising:
a second transistor for at least temporarily short-circuiting the controlled transistor bridge, the second transistor including an interrupter connected parallel to the controlled transistor bridge,
wherein the second transistor has a base which receives a control signal, and
wherein the controlled transistor bridge provides a step-up converter function.

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